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ENERGIZED CHARGE PARTICLE BEAM)	750 B STREET, Suite 3120
WAFER/SLIDER INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT)	San Diego, CA 92101
SYSTEMS IN PRESENCE OF ELECTRICAL)	
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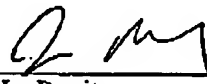
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA

Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowance dated July 3, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged. Applicant would like to emphasize that the scope of the claims is limited only by elements that are explicitly recited in the claims, and that any discussion of unclaimed advantages does not further limit the claims. Furthermore, Applicant agrees that the claims are patentable but expresses no opinion about the accuracy the examiner's characterization of the Japanese patent document (JP 7-254387) mentioned in the reasons for allowance. Accordingly, it must not be presumed one way or the other whether Applicant acquiesces in the examiner's characterization.

Respectfully submitted,



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